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Comment. On 13 June 1948, a meeting was held at Wat Yuen in Bangkok under the auspices of the Viet Nam Delegation, in protest against the formation of the Central Provisional Government of Viet Nam under General Nguyen Van Xuan. Bangkok press coverage was somewhat cursory, and the following report, [REDACTED] is composed of additional details. It is considered helpful in rounding out the picture of the status and attitudes of the Vietnamese in Siam and in citing the personalities involved.)

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1. Approximately 100 persons attended the 13 June Vietnamese-sponsored meeting in Bangkok to protest against the Xuan government. Two non-Vietnamese present were Alex Brotherton () and a Chinese reporter from Chuan Min Pao, Chinese Communist newspaper in Bangkok. Among the Vietnamese present were Xom, Lien (), Trong (), (), and the ten outstanding Vietnamese students in Bangkok (). They took no part in the meeting.

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2. Nguyen Duc Quy mentioned the possibility of an attempt by Xuan to set up diplomatic relations and to open a consulate in Siam. He estimated that perhaps 500 Vietnamese in Siam, at the very most, would support such a move, and said that such a showdown would be welcomed so that Xuan and the French would be humiliated in the eyes of the Siamese. Two other speakers were Quang Thong, priest at Wat Yuen, and Miss Sau [REDACTED] 25X1A

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None of the speakers made any reference to Bao Dai. Requested resolutions concerning the Xuan government were passed with enthusiasm. No questions were asked during the discussion period which followed.

After the meeting, there was a showing of a movie depicting HO Chi Minh's trip in France at the time of the Fontainebleau meeting. The sound track, which faithfully reported HO's remarks in Annamese, was silent when he was speaking French.

Handouts, consisting of a HO Chi Minh declaration and a Viet Nam Delegation statement condemning the Xuan government, were in English as was one of the slogans on the wall - "Death to Xuan". One poster on the wall was headed "Picture without Words" in Annamese. It depicted Bollasert carrying a bag full of United States dollars,

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with Xuan licking his boots. Xuan was drawn in the uniform of a French general and was shown as having a tail made up of the flag of the Central Provisional Government of Viet Nam.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. It is possible that the real purpose of the meeting was to harden the Vietnamese population of Siam against the possibility of Xuan setting up a consulate in Siam. Quy's figure is small, since it is more likely that 2,000 or 3,000 Vietnamese in Siam might support such a move.)

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